

# *The Brooklyn Jewish Center Review*

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**T**his issue of the Review marks the 20th year of its publication.

By a lamentable coincidence, the anniversary comes at a time when we are mourning the passing of Joseph Goldberg, the Administrative Director of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, who did so much for its development and progress.

It had been planned to celebrate the anniversary in some suitable manner. Instead, the Editorial Board dedicates this issue to Joseph Goldberg, to the recollections of this fine man by his many friends and his associates.

# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT PASSOVER

## Passover Terms

*Pesach* means the "Paschal Lamb," this refers to the lamb eaten by the Israelites on the eve of their departure from Egypt. It was eaten by the Israelites in haste, their loins girded and staff in hand, ready for the exodus. The blood of the paschal lamb on the doorposts was a sign to the angel of death of "pass over" the Israelite homes, hence the name "Passover."

*Nisan* is the month on which Passover falls. The paschal lamb was eaten in the evening after the fourteenth day of Nisan. This holiday is observed for seven days in Israel and for eight days in the Diaspora. Before the calendar was fixed by mathematical calculation the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem would send messengers notifying each community when the new moon had been sighted. Since messengers did not always arrive on time in communities outside of Israel, an extra day was added since the Jews were not completely certain as to which day marked the beginning of the festival.

*Haggadah* means "telling the story." It is our duty to tell the story each year, particularly to the children. The book which tells the story is now called a *Haggadah*.

*Bedikat Hametz* means searching for the leaven. On the evening before the Seder the head of the house conducts an impressive ceremony of searching for the leaven. Holding a candle to light the way the father gathers all crumbs of bread with a feather and spoon. The leaven is burnt the next morning in ful-

fillment of the injunction to destroy all *Hametz*.

## How to Kasher Utensils

Spits and broilers must be made red hot.

Pots and pans must be dipped in boiling water, or the water in the vessel must be allowed to boil over after a thorough cleansing.

Spoons, knives and forks must be immersed in boiling water.

Glasses are placed in water for three successive days, the water being changed daily.

Earthenware and porcelain utensils cannot be kasher by any process.

## Mah Nishtanah, or the Four Questions

Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we may eat either leavened or unleavened bread, but on this night we may eat only unleavened bread.

Why is it that on all other nights we may eat any kind of herb, but on this night we are required to eat bitter herbs?

Why is it that on all other nights there

is no required dipping of foods, but on this night we are required to dip the food twice — once *Karpas* in salt-water, and thereafter bitter herb in *Charoset*?

Why is it that on all other nights we may eat either sitting or reclining, but on this night we all recline?

## The Answers to the Four Questions

The *matzah* reminds us of the unleavened bread which the Israelites ate in their hurried departure from Egypt.

The bitter herb, called *maror*, reminds us of the bitter lives led by the Israelites as slaves in Egypt.

The *Karpas*, for which celery or parsley may be used, is an entree to signify a festive supper in honor of this great holiday of freedom. The salt water makes the vegetable more palatable. These herbs are also timely reminders of the advent of Spring. The *Charoset* is a mixture of apples, nuts and wine reminding us of the bricks and mortar which the Israelite slaves were forced to make in Egypt.

Reclining is a sign of freedom.

## Seder Symbols and Their Meanings

*Seder* means "order" or "programs of ceremonies."

*Kiddush* the prayer of sanctification is made over a cup of wine to show that this is a holiday of joy.

*Arba Kosot* the four cups are symbolic of the four promises of freedom found in the Bible.

*Ten Plagues*. We pour out drops of wine at the recital of the ten plagues to show that our joy is not complete since

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A 16th Century Italian-Jewish family of Mantua at seder in Mantua.

Preparing for the Passover in old Holland. These 17th century prints show the baking of matzoth in the communal oven. Matzoth



were baked 30 days before Pesach except the *matzah shemira*, which was baked in the afternoon of the 14th of Nisan.

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## In Memory of Joseph Goldberg

THE news that Joseph Goldberg died fell like a pall upon the Brooklyn Jewish community and upon the membership of the Brooklyn Jewish Center in particular. The shock came upon us "so like a lightning which is here and gone ere one can say it lightens." The tremor of emotion we all felt was not transient, but a steady, pang-lingering sentiment. No one could rise above the sense of a deep, personal loss. What a void one man can make!

Death is not only a time of sorrow but also a time for meditation. The soul seeks for the inspiration of high thought. Man is lifted out of the groove of triviality into regions beyond the clouds and vapors of the earth. Death clears the eyes. It supplies us with the microscope to see things which, in the rush and drive and tumult of our busy present, remain unperceived or unheeded. Death breaks the box which contains the precious ointment and sheds its fragrance around. Sorrow is blended with insight. The heart is moved by a yearning to do honor to the deceased. Recollections twine themselves around the heart and fondly dwell on the qualities and virtues of the departed.

This was signally manifested in the passing of Joseph Goldberg. The reminiscences of his gentleness, tenderness, modesty; of his generous nature, his cheerfulness, his patience, his transparent rectitude, his excellent gifts—all these spoke so vividly to us. The weight of his death sorely oppressed us and we kept on saying to ourselves he had died too early for his friends, for the Center and for the community. He was altogether

too fine, too precious to die so early—too soon before the "keepers of the house begin to tremble."

It was hard to reconcile ourselves to the fact that Goldberg was dead. We wanted to give vent to our emotions. We struggled for words to express the grief, but a voice seemed to say, "Be still and know that I am God."

Despite the heavy downpour which kept away hundreds from paying their last tribute to Joe at the funeral, the synagogue was thronged to capacity by men and women of every class, each sensitive to the other's feelings—a throng characterized by kindness and courtesy, lending greater solemnity to the hallowed scene. No one who was present will ever forget the reverent hush that settled upon the great assemblage when the casket was brought in. The Brooklyn Jewish Center has witnessed many funerals in its thirty-three years of existence, but never was there such a demonstration of respect. The procession, headed by the Board of Trustees, moved noiselessly, a mute sadness clouded their faces. All looked grave and shaken and did not hide their tears. "'Tis manliness to be heart-broken here."

Dr. Levinthal was to perform the tender office of eulogizing the deceased. The Rabbi's friendship with Goldberg had continued unbroken for thirty-three years, from the day they first met in the Brooklyn Jewish Center till the day of Joe's death. Their relations had been of the closest intimacy and had grown in personal love and admiration with the years. No one had had a better opportunity to learn and to know the qual-

ities of Goldberg's nature. Indeed, in a sense, it was a welcome moment when Dr. Levinthal made his appearance at the rostrum. The heart of the congregation was sorely pressed, and everyone sought surcease from grieving. Everyone wished to hear the consoling word. All hoped that Dr. Levinthal could fashion into articulate words what was in their hearts. In a gentle voice, the Rabbi read as his text: "Moses rejoiced in the gift of his portion, for Thou didst call him a faithful servant."

In applying this text to the deceased, he said that Joe had been a happy man, for God and man will always call him the faithful servant. It was a happy text and a happy allusion. They were balsamic words. The association of Goldberg with happiness was to the congregation like the calm after a tempestuous day. Dr. Levinthal gave a warm and generous estimate of Goldberg's life and work and character. No greater praise and commendation could well have been bestowed on any other man in the Brooklyn Jewish Center, and no other person deserved more admiration and gratitude than Joseph Goldberg. Neither the partiality of friendship nor the tendency to exaggerated eulogy common at funeral occasions, nor the temptation to find consolation for one's loss in the exaltation of bereavement, prompted the lament and encomiums by Dr. Levinthal. His words were the spontaneous and unconscious homage of the heart, to which all said "Amen."

Thus the dark curtain dropped on the life of one of the most unselfish, useful and consecrated men, leaving us to draw

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# "JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בנינו לבן עצמנו"

*An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader*

## The Loss of Our Devoted Friend

**A**LL of us who knew the sainted Joseph Goldberg, of blessed memory—and who at the Center did not!—are still overwhelmed by the heavy blow that we sustained in his death. Somehow, we cannot realize even now the tragic truth that he is no longer with us. I once remarked at a testimonial that was tendered to him, that he reminded us of the familiar aria sung by Figaro in the opera, "The Barber of Seville"—"Figaro, Figaro, Figaro here, Figaro there!" It was always "Goldberg here! Goldberg there!" At every meeting, at every conference of every group and of every committee, Goldberg had to be there. One could not conceive of a meeting without him. He was the great source of information of everything that was done or that had to be done. His advice was sought for by everyone and at all times. We will miss him greatly in every task that we will have to perform.

I, in particular, feel a personal loss in his death. I worked with him, side by side, from the very first day that he came to us thirty-three years ago. I recall the day he called to see me, to apply for the position that the Center wanted to fill,

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fresh inspiration from his life, from his work and character.

What accounts for this outpouring of love and admiration for Joseph Goldberg? What power was there within him that won for him the popular heart? What peculiar gifts distinguished him from other leaders, and what features of his nature inspired our admiration? We shall learn a profitable lesson from the contemplation of his life and character.

—LOUIS J. GRIBETZ.

*This is the first of two editorials on Joseph Goldberg by Mr. Gribetz. The second will appear next month.*

that of Executive Director. He was a very young man, still in the twenties. I was attracted to him after the first few moments of our conference, and I immediately recommended him to our officers. I sensed at once his love for Jewish values, the high ideals which he exemplified, and his ability to grasp the deeper philosophy underlying the Synagogue Center movement. I can attest with all sincerity that not once in all these 33 years did Joseph Goldberg swerve from the lofty ideals that were his. The beautiful traits of his character, which I recognized when I first saw him, remained unsullied throughout all the years of his active life. Never was there a disagreement between us—there was at all times a harmonious blending of views and attitudes concerning the program of our Brooklyn Jewish Center. One can therefore easily understand what I mean when I say that I feel as if part of my very being has been torn from me.

Goldberg served not only our Center but also every good and worthy cause in our community. As a matter of fact, so great was his love for the Center, that he wanted our institution to be in the forefront of every communal undertaking. Whether it was Zionism, the United Jewish Appeal, the Federation, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Yeshivah University, the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, of which he was one of the founders, or any other civic, charitable or educational endeavor, Joseph Goldberg not only served with devotion and ability, but also strove to see to it that the Center should be the leader in all these undertakings.

Happily, he did not have to wait until death to be appreciated. He was honored by his colleagues in having been chosen the first president of the National Association of Synagogue and Center Administrative Directors, as well as the first president of the Brooklyn Association of

the Administrative Directors. All of them were eager and happy to learn from him, and he was always ready and glad to share with them the wisdom he acquired in his rich experiences. And I am certain that he felt the love and affection that all at the Center had for him.

His devotion to the Center was exceeded only by his devotion to our beloved America and to the land of his people's dream—the land of Israel. He served in the armed forces of the United States during the first world war, and was one of the organizers of an important and active Jewish Veterans Post. But his love for America went beyond fighting in time of war. He strove to keep America true to the basic ideals of our American Democracy; he wanted to guard our country from enemies within our borders who aimed to destroy those principles of true liberty and genuine democracy which inspired the founders of our Republic.

And his love for Zion came from a deep and sympathetic understanding of what Zion meant in the consciousness of the Jew in the last 2,000 years. One of the rewards in life that he did achieve was to live to see that dream realized and the State of Israel reborn. It is indeed a beautiful gesture on the part of his friends and admirers to plant in his name and memory a forest on land of the Jewish National Fund that shall be an everlasting reminder of the love that he bore for the ideal of Zion.

All of us share the grief of the bereaved widow and children. They can find some measure of comfort, even in these dark hours, in the richness of his service and accomplishments, in the knowledge that his name and life will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him for years and years to come.

*Israel H. Ben-Zion*

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# IN TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH GOLDBERG

*Joseph Goldberg, the Administrative Director of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, passed away on February 14, 1953. In these pages the man and his work are remembered with affection by his friends and associates.*

## FROM FRIENDS

Mr. Joseph Goldberg won the hearts of all the friends of Brooklyn Jewish Center through his dedication to it and to Judaism. Efficient, but not officious; helpful and selfless, he did all he could to make every contact with Brooklyn Jewish Center a pleasant experience. It was a delight to find oneself in his company. In his death not only the Brooklyn Jewish Center, its distinguished rabbis, and its lay leadership, but all of us have suffered a grievous blow.

—LOUIS FINKELSTEIN, *Jewish Theological Seminary of America.*

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The passing of Joseph Goldberg is an irreparable loss not only for the Brooklyn Jewish Center but for American Judaism as a whole.

The survival of our tradition through thirty centuries of varying political, economic and social conditions in every corner of the globe is a miracle, but not without its causes. Essentially the secret has lain in the capacity of growth and creative adjustment which Judaism has had from the days of Moses to our own time.

In this history, America is today playing a unique role. The Synagogue has had twenty-five hundred years of history behind it, as the House of Prayer, the House of Study and the House of Assembly. Under the revolutionary impact of American life, this ancient tradition has taken on a new form in the Synagogue Center.

Symbolizing this characteristically American development of Jewish tradition at its best stands the Brooklyn Jewish Center, and the physical embodiment of its program of activities was Joseph Goldberg. He was a pioneer in a calling yet to be developed—that of the Jewish

civil servant to whom Jewish service is not a livelihood, but a way of life. With every fiber of his being he loved his faith, his tradition and his people. His extraordinary ability, limitless patience and gentleness endeared him to all who knew him.

The lives of untold thousands are better and nobler because of Joseph Goldberg. He built himself an eternal monument in the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

—ROBERT GORDIS.

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I knew Joe Goldberg since the beginning of his service with the Center, and I had both a personal affection for his gentle, quiet, considerate relation to people, and a deep admiration for his intellectual qualities and his warm Jewishness. He was one of the "orogi bascter" that Bialik wrote about, modest, persistent, loyal, and completely devoid of personal ambition.

—MAURICE SAMUEL.

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I am deeply sorry to hear of the death of Joseph Goldberg, and welcome the opportunity to pay tribute to his sacred memory. If ever there was a true servant, faithful to his utmost responsibilities, and indefatigable in his concern for the welfare of a great institution like the Jewish Center, Mr. Goldberg was that person. Think of the great good fortune of the Center through these many years gone by in having command of Mr. Goldberg's efficiency, zeal, and high spirit of dedication!

I was busy for many years as a public lecturer as well as parish minister. Through most of these years I enjoyed the honor, at Mr. Goldberg's invitation, of speaking on great Center Forum platform. The meetings were always exciting, a true evidence of the high intelligence and wide public interest of the

Center audiences. But I remember chiefly in my visits the wonderful hospitality of Mr. Goldberg's reception and care for my comfort and convenience. I could see in him a dedicated soul. His memory will long abide within my heart.

—JOHN HAYNES HOLMES,  
*Minister Emeritus of the  
Community Church.*

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I join in the tributes that are being paid to the memory of Joseph Goldberg, who, for thirty-three years was a devoted administrator of the affairs of the Brooklyn Jewish Center. He was a man of unusual devotion to the responsibilities he assumed. The impress of his personality was evident in how the Brooklyn Jewish Center grew—a social and educational institution permeated with tradition and religion. Largely as a result of his arduous labors, the Brooklyn Jewish Center today stands out as a unique organization in the great community of which it is a part. The memory of Joseph Goldberg will live through the institution whose life he helped to mould.

—LOUIS LIPSKY.

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Joseph Goldberg stands out as one of the men I most esteemed in the life of the Jewish community. Possessing all the virtues one expects of an ideal public servant, he had much more to endure him to all of us. He gave of himself with a devotion and generosity of spirit far beyond the line of duty. There was no aspect of Jewish life which failed to evoke his zeal and his unusual abilities.

The Brooklyn Jewish Center, itself a great institution of which Brooklyn Jewry may well be proud, was fortunate in having Mr. Goldberg as its Administrative Director. Many have contributed to its greatness. None served it more effectively or with greater devotion.

—DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN,  
*Member of the Jewish Agency.*

## FROM THE CENTER FAMILY

The untimely passing of Joseph Goldberg was a terrible loss to our Center and to our people, as well as to his family.

I was associated with Mr. Goldberg for the past two decades and can unhesitatingly say that I have never known anyone more sincere, more industrious or more conscientious.

Mr. Goldberg could have accumulated a substantial amount of material wealth had he used his many talents in the business world. However, he chose to serve his fellow man; because of this choice, the Center was the beneficiary of his devoted and fruitful efforts.

He was the good right arm of all our former Presidents, and it is indeed a great personal loss to me, that in my service as President of this institution I will be deprived of the invaluable assistance of our late Executive Director.

May God grant his soul peaceful and eternal rest.

—MOSES SPATT,  
*President of the Center.*

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It is difficult for me to express the sense of loss and bereavement I feel in the passing of Joseph Goldberg. His illness prevented him from being present at the last annual meeting, and it is a symbol of his devotion to the Center that this was the first time in his entire career at this institution that he missed such an occasion. Only his critical condition could keep him away. Nevertheless, he continued to keep in touch with the Center, almost to his last days.

The success that the Center has had was due in a great measure to his wisdom, his foresight, his energy and his deep devotion. We meet few men like him, and I personally am grateful that I was privileged to know him, and to have worked with him.

—EMANUEL GREENBERG,  
*Honorary President of the Center.*

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As one who started Joe Goldberg on his career at the Brooklyn Jewish Center, I find it difficult to reconcile myself to the tragic fact that he is not among the living. When I come to the Center I somehow see him around everywhere. I see his work, his efforts. Even if he is not with us in person his work goes on.

To evaluate his services I would have to go through a history of thirty years. He took part in everything that has happened in this institution since the laying of its cornerstone. He served under four presidents, and if they were successful it was largely because of his efforts, his guidance and his help.

History will appraise the work of all the four presidents that Joe Goldberg worked under; but Joe's value and service will live with the institution forever. He was a unique personality, and he achieved the highest respect and admiration that a man can earn. Blessed be his memory.

—SAMUEL ROTTENBERG,  
*Honorary President of the Center.*

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There never was and probably never will be another Joe Goldberg. Quietly and with a world of patience, he gave of himself to practically every worthwhile Jewish organization. No lay leader, nor, for that matter, no professional one, proceeded without consultation with and guidance from Joe. The remarkable thing about his unlimited help was that despite the fact that his opinions were given frankly, he never made an enemy. Everybody was his friend. I suppose the reason was that we all saw how unselfish and how sincere he was.

I feel proud in confessing that I never proposed anything in Jewish life until Joe gave his approval to it. We argued often, but unless I was able to persuade him that my proposal was sound, I dropped it. Joe did all his work from the background, and with such dignity! His opinions and thoughts will always be with me.

—MAURICE BERNHARDT,  
*First Vice President of the Center.*

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I find it hard to believe that Joe Goldberg has passed on into the great beyond. I find it even more difficult, in the meager space available, to delineate his character and to evaluate his services adequately. I can merely highlight some salient features of the man.

My work at the Center brought me into close contact with him and gave me ample opportunity to observe his selfless devotion to his task. He spent night after night at committee meetings and made himself available far past midnight to help members who called on him in

their hour of distress. Nor did distance mean anything to him. Even when he was trying to regain his shattered health recently in Florida, he kept in daily touch with the Center by mail or telephone and guided its destinies almost to his last day on earth. Yes, he was indeed a true son of the Conservative movement; but, while he labored successfully to conserve Judaism via the Center, he failed utterly to conserve himself.

His was a creative mind, ever alert for new ideas and for added activities which would enhance the effectiveness and the prestige of the Center. To him, mere status quo was a step backward. His achievements were due, in no small measure, to his saintly patience and his remarkable tact. He knew how to cope with varying temperaments and tempers without losing sight of the ultimate objective.

Joe Goldberg has left an indelible impress on the Brooklyn Jewish Center through his personality and his accomplishments. His loss is overwhelming, but it can be mitigated considerably if we all continue working with the thought that while his body has departed "his soul goes marching on."

—HARRY BLICKSTEIN,  
*Secretary of the Center.*

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I did not know Joseph Goldberg well, in terms of hours spent together and length of acquaintanceship. When I assumed my duties at the Center he was already in the throes of his fatal illness. Yet I feel as if I had known him well and intimately. Even through pain and suffering his great qualities of heart and mind emerged to make him beloved and respected.

Selflessness and humility are rare qualities that we encounter in life; rarer still is selflessness and devotion joined to wisdom and creative talent. This rare conjunction of attributes was the unique measure of Joseph Goldberg's character and personality. The loss to the American Jewish community of such a devoted and talented servant as Joseph Goldberg is a great and deep one.

May we be comforted with the thought that the memory of his deeds will ever be a guide and a blessing to us as we go forward to serve the Jewish community.

—DR. BENJAMIN KREITMAN.



Commenting on the verse "And the days of David drew near to die," the Rabbis taught that days may come to an end but that righteous men live on even beyond death.

Although his days may have come to an end, we too can say of Joseph Goldberg that his blessed memory will live on. In the sixteen years that I have been associated with the Brooklyn Jewish Center, I learned to admire and love Goldberg as a colleague and as a friend. In his infinite patience no question was too trifling for him to consider. Because of his deep understanding, many of the problems concerning Hebrew school, Junior congregation or youth activities were submitted to him for his sage advice.

His life showed sincere belief in the saying, "Ve-Talmud Torah K'neged Kulam." The expansion of our school would not have been possible without the assistance of Joseph Goldberg. He was one of the active advocates of a reorganization of the Hebrew school which resulted in its unprecedented growth in the past decade. A new school building was one of his favorite projects. Although this project never materialized, a fund was raised which is now being used for the physical improvement of our school.

Similarly, the formation of a Junior Congregation for the High Holy Days, and the organization of a Children's Sabbath Congregation received his enthusiastic support. He hoped to make the Brooklyn Jewish Center the spiritual home of every member, young and old, of the Center family. He therefore endorsed any project that would help young people to grow physically, socially and spiritually.

I should like to quote the tribute which was paid to Mr. Goldberg on a former occasion:

"Seest thou a man diligent in his work  
He shall stand before kings"  
(Proverbs 22, 29).

The Midrash, commenting on this verse, states, "This refers to Joseph." We too can say that this verse refers to Joseph — to our Joseph Goldberg. Through untiring diligence, sincere devotion, keen insight, unselfish service and a sense of consecration to the ideals of

Judaism, Joseph Goldberg left an indelible imprint on the community. *Zekker Zaddik Livrachab!*

—RABBI MORDECAI H. LEWITTES.

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It is with profound sorrow that we learned of the untimely passing of our dearly beloved friend, Joseph Goldberg. He was the Executive Director of our Center since its inception, 33 years ago. He was the true and trusted friend of all Center members, and the guide, mentor and adviser particularly to those of us who are so closely associated with our Center.

It was in a large measure due to his indefatigable zeal, his tireless and selfless devotion and dedication to all causes and activities emanating from the Center that our institution grew and prospered through the years until it attained its present place of prominence in the community and throughout the country.

Joe, as he was known to all of us, was never a robust man—yet, so many of the responsibilities of this large institution, with its manifold activities, rested on his frail shoulders. He came early, he stayed late—time was never of the essence with him because this was his Home. Everyone's problems were his problems. He was never too tired or too busy to be of assistance to anyone who asked for his help—he was ever kind and courteous, even though his patience was sometimes sorely taxed.

He endeared himself especially to our Sisterhood over all these years, giving us the benefit of his wide experience, his knowledge of communal matters and his constructive suggestions. He was indeed our friend.

His passing is an irreparable loss to all of us and to the community that he served so faithfully.

May his memory ever be for a blessing.

—BEATRICE SCHAEFFER,  
President of The Sisterhood.

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The tribute of grief over the death of loved ones is a blessing of nature. Without its emotional release, the pain of separation would unbearably tax human capacity for suffering.

But it is not enough, only to mourn.

For mourning, alone, concedes to death a finality which it does not possess. Men and women who have made their contribution to the sum total of human good leave mementos which are not effaced by the finger of time. If we are to deprive death of this aspect of its finality, then always must we be conscious that even in its terrors there are seeds of good.

The life and death of Joseph Goldberg both give point to this truth. We have mourned for him in the full knowledge of our immediate and great loss. We shall long share the sorrow which all will feel who knew him well and loved him for his gifts of goodness. And although Time, which heals all wounds, will ease the pain of his going, neither Time nor circumstance will ever erase completely the fact of his absence. More, however, is incumbent upon us who shared his company, joined in his labors, benefited from his wisdom and, by partaking of his goodness, were thereby made better ourselves.

Goldberg's thirty-three years of directorial association with the Brooklyn Jewish Center would in itself have been a significant and valuable enough contribution. He made of it, however, but a point of radiation outwardly to, and for, the American Jewish community, Israel, and all mankind. It is not possible to think of a single important movement dedicated to the common weal which did not have Goldberg's support, and, in many instances, his active and beneficial participation. During all of his adult life, he was devoted to the cause of Zion and by service of heart and pen enrolled himself among its stalwarts. The Jewish Theological Seminary and Yeshiva University leaned heavily upon him. The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies often sought, and always received, his counsel and aid. The United Jewish Appeal ranked him amongst its devoted leaders.

Joseph Goldberg's day on earth is done. We who remain — who were his associates, and in many instances, his scholars in service—have the duty, as we will have the inspiration because of his memory, by our own service to carry on this tradition which will always be indissolubly linked with his name.

—WILLIAM I. SIEGEL.

In paying tribute to the memory of Joseph Goldberg, the Young Folks League remembers gratefully his vital concern for the youth activities of the Center. In 1949, when several 30-year anniversaries were celebrated at the Center, Mr. Goldberg noted with pride that the YFL was also 30 years old and that in all of its years it had been a vital and growing organization, constantly expanding its activities to enroll more young people into the ranks of active Judaism. He took great pride in the YFL, and all its members who had the honor of knowing Joseph Goldberg during his thirty-three years' association with it, understand well their great loss.

—YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE.

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Joseph Goldberg was one of the great builders of American Jewry. Too few of us know that Prof. Kaplan's concept in 1918 of the "Jewish Center" is recognized today as one of the essential elements for the survival of American Jewry. In 1919 the Brooklyn Jewish Center—the greatest example of this idea—was organized with Mr. Goldberg as its Executive Director. Our activities, plans, organization, experiences and development established the pattern for the movement's tremendous growth. Farsighted and imaginative leadership has made our Center the inspiration for many congregations.

No one was more responsible for our growth and success than Mr. Goldberg. His influence has spread, directly and indirectly throughout America.

With his wisdom and understanding, with his gentleness and humility, he accomplished things we thought unattainable. There was no problem too large, no item too small for his attention. The "big" man and the "nobody" all received his same care and consideration.

He was a passionate believer in equality and democracy. His integrity and honesty made him our accepted judge and arbiter. And yet he never judged. He was always able to open our minds to the entirety of the question. With tact and understanding he unified our views and left us working again as a team. How often had we realized later that the wonderful ideas and plans we had were his seeds planted in our minds.

It is hard to believe that we will see him no more. He is as much a part of the Center as the building itself. We who knew him and loved him will ever have as our inheritance the inspiration of his memory. His love for everything Jewish was so great that it engulfed all who were near him.

We have lost our friend, our guide, and our leader.

"Know ye that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."

—IRVIN I. RUBIN,

for the Mr. & Mrs. Group.

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All who knew Mr. Goldberg treasure his memory.

His cheerfulness, his complete understanding of and kindness towards all people, the faith and loyalty he inspired in those about him will keep his memory alive in our hearts.

We pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of his family's bereavement and leave only the cherished memory of a beloved man.

—ANNA S. LESSER, *Director*, and  
LEO SHPALL, *Acting Head of  
Hebrew Department.*

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In paying tribute to our friend, the late Joseph Goldberg, we of the P.T.A. of the Center Academy, who have had the pleasure of working closely with him, learned to admire and respect him for his ideals, humbleness and loyalty to all things related to Judaism.

His devotion to our Academy dates back to the time of the inception of our school. His keen foresight and understanding of the needs for our type of school guided us in its organization and continuation. It is our fervent hope that we may go on for many years to come and foster the integrated Secular and Hebrew program Joseph Goldberg so heartily endorsed.

Let us honor his memory by serving our Center and our Academy so that his untiring efforts and his love for both shall not have been in vain.

—PEGGY H. SONNENBERG,  
*President, P.T.A. Center Academy.*

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We, the Parent-Teachers Association of the Center Hebrew and Sunday Schools, wish to record our bereavement

in the loss of our dear friend, Mr. Joseph Goldberg, whose devotion, deep interest and constant encouragement guided us to ever better achievements.

We shall miss him sorely and shall always remember with loving and reverent thoughts his great heart and spirit, his deep sense of Jewish kinship. He was a wonderful human being, whose memory will ever be an inspiration to us who serve in the Cause of Jewish Education, an Ideal which was so dear to him.

—MRS. M. ROBERT EPSTEIN,  
*President.*

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### **FROM THE CENTER STAFF**

To know Joseph Goldberg, whether for a long time or short period of time, one could not help but admire and respect him. It was just recently that I joined the Center as Administrative Assistant, but I grew attached to Mr. Goldberg. He was not only my chief but a devoted teacher.

Mr. Goldberg was a wonderful leader in whatever he undertook to do. His clear understanding of various problems came about only because of his great faculty of seeing each matter in its entirety. As a problem was encountered, he was able to cope with the situation in a calm and thoughtful manner. He was a guide and inspiration to those in the new profession of Synagogue Administration. As the founder of the Center Directors' Association over twenty-five years ago, and more recently as a founder of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators, he was well aware of the many problems that were confronted by both the Director and his Congregation. Everyone who came to him for advice left with a feeling of security and assurance that the advice offered was complete.

No words can express how we feel about Mr. Goldberg. His presence shall ever be missed by all of us.

—HAROLD W. HAMMER,  
*Acting Director.*

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When I look back on the years of working with Mr. Joseph Goldberg at the Center I feel that a tribute from the staff should be voiced along with the other tributes from men and women who knew him and learned to love and revere him.



## FROM COMMUNAL ASSOCIATES

In my years of service at the Center together with Mr. Goldberg I have seen a great many changes. His goal was always to progress. There were innumerable occasions when the Center's officials felt that they had taken a step too far advanced for the moment and wanted to eliminate an activity that did not meet with popular response. It was not so with Mr. G. His motto was "always progress with your needs — never retrogress." This feeling was ever apparent in his analysis of the deeds the Center was to accomplish. He offered his knowledge willingly; his devotion to his work at the Center made the institution a "shining light" and an example for all other organizations. What he did here was truly a labor of love. Through his fine guidance and keen foresight, the Center made wonderful strides. He always gave of himself wholeheartedly and unstintingly so that his idealistic goals might be realized.

As for ourselves, the staff of the Center, our association with him never took on an authoritative aspect. He was rather like a friend for whom we had the utmost respect and highest esteem. When problems and difficulties were taken up with Mr. Goldberg, his sense of devotion to the ideals of Judaism, along with his aspirations for the Center, never failed to solve them. Arguments and disagreements always fell away — you couldn't help but feel that your work at the office was, to a great extent, part of this idealism. He had a way, through his kindly and sympathetic nature, of inspiring the entire staff with his devotion and ideals.

We of the inner "Center family" have suffered a great loss in the passing of our Administrative Director. We hope to continue our work at the Center and to aspire to the goal of Judaism's ideals in tribute to the memory of our beloved Mr. Goldberg.

—DOROTHY M. ROSE,  
for the Center Staff.

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Through my association with the Center as printer of the *Review*, I would like to include myself in the Center family to pay my last respects to a man I deeply admired. Never have I heard of anyone so devoted to his community, and so creatively energetic in realizing community projects.

—MAX ALPERT.

We mourn the passing of a beloved friend, Joseph Goldberg. He was one of those rare human beings who are utterly devoted to the welfare of others. In all his labors, as director of the Center and as secretary of our UJA committee, and in the numerous Jewish activities to which he gave so much time and effort, he was never known to falter, or to seek the rewards of honor which he so richly deserved. His ardor and zeal on behalf of Israel and world Jewry was so great that he never considered his job to end within the Center walls. His service ranged far beyond them, and whoever came into contact with him was enriched by the experience.

In his passing the Brooklyn Jewish Center, the United Jewish Appeal and all who are interested in the welfare and survival of our people, lose a dearly beloved friend and co-worker.

—SYLVAN GOTSHAL, *Chairman of  
the Board of the United Jewish  
Appeal of Greater New York.*

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I mourn the passing of my dear comrade and true friend, Joseph Goldberg.

I deeply valued his help to the United Jewish Appeal at the Brooklyn Jewish Center, and his sound and forthright advice.

An atmosphere of genuine nobility always surrounded him. All his acts were guided by moderation, and his deep, lucid thinking penetrated into every matter that came before him. He was permeated by boundless love for the Land of Israel and the people of Israel. He was modest and cautious and nothing unseemly ever passed his lips. He was affectionate and devoted to friend and comrade.

All his life he was a true admirer of the learned and the sagacious. His attitude toward the spiritual treasures of Israel was earnest and hearty. He was intimately familiar with all our national movements, and he had a keen discernment and unerring taste in differentiating between the holy and the profane.

Among men, he was one of the choicest of the choice.

—MORRIS A. ZELDIN, *Director,  
Brooklyn Borough, United Jewish Appeal.*

"Klal Yisroel" has suffered a great loss in the passing of Joseph Goldberg. The Jewish Community will long remember him for his interest and active participation in the many Jewish undertakings which confronted his co-religionists during his lifetime.

We, his associates in a profession which was almost unknown when Joseph Goldberg came to the Brooklyn Jewish Center, are indebted to him for many things. He was a pioneer in a field which today is a recognized calling in organized Religion. His sincerity, cooperative spirit and devotion to duty set the standard for the profession. Joe, it was, who organized the Center Directors Association over twenty-five years ago, the first such group of professional Synagogue Secretaries, and he guided its destinies as its President until his death. We shall miss his wise counsel.

His dear ones will find some consolation in the knowledge that Joseph Goldberg lived a life of service to his people, his country and his God. "May the Father of Peace bring peace to all who mourn."

—R. MURRAY SEBSOW, *Acting President,  
Center Directors Association.*

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The Executive Council of the United Synagogue of America has unanimously adopted this resolution:

The Executive Council of the United Synagogue of America records its grievous sorrow at the untimely death of Mr. Joseph Goldberg, a faithful Jew, a faithful servant of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, and a faithful figure in the Conservative movement.

The Executive Council extends its sympathy to the Board of Trustees and Governing Board and membership of the Brooklyn Jewish Center on the loss of this earnest and experienced Executive Director, who contributed so much to the development of the character and the program of this institution.

May his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

—MAXWELL ABBELL, *President.*  
—SIMON GREENBERG, *Exc. Director.*

Last November when the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Brooklyn Jewish Center sponsored a dinner at which Joseph Goldberg was guest of honor, he was presented with a scroll in which he was described as a "bulwark of strength in the community."

He was truly that. Officers and members of the Brooklyn Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies were deeply indebted to him for many services. In his quiet, modest way, he was of tremendous aid in mobilizing the Brooklyn Jewish Center on behalf of Federation. He acted as an unofficial secretary to the Federation Committee. The professional staff of Federation never found him too busy to give suggestions, to check names, to help wherever he could.

This he did freely and voluntarily, out of the goodness of his heart and a deep concern for the welfare of the community. He was keenly aware that the temple and synagogue were bound up closely with Jewish culture and Jewish philanthropy and he was ever ready to further those causes which expressed the highest ideals of Judaism.

He occupied a high place in his profession and served as a president and later honorary president of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators. Yet he did not seek honors. He had to be urged to take a seat on the dais at the Federation dinners. And then he insisted always on sitting at the end of the dais, where he could keep a watchful eye on proceedings.

On November 13, 1952, when the Brooklyn Jewish Center honored him for his services to the community at its annual dinner for Federation, the full measure of what he meant to humanitarian causes was expressed by speakers. The officers of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies were glad to have had the opportunity to express their affection and high esteem for Joseph Goldberg at that dinner. For Federation has indeed lost a friend in the passing of Joseph Goldberg.

—FEDERATION OF JEWISH  
PHILANTHROPIES.

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We of the National Jewish Welfare Board feel a special loss in the passing of Joseph Goldberg. He more than shared with us our objective of service

to the Jewish community—he rather exemplified it in his day by day toil.

Joseph Goldberg gave a generation of service to the Brooklyn Jewish Center, and in a sense, he created a generation. It is not too much to say that, of the multitudes of people of the community who have partaken of the benefits of the Center, all were affected—directly or indirectly—by the man who was Administrative Director of the institution from the early days of its organization. Apart from those he served faithfully in his chosen profession, those who worked with him will erect in their hearts a special monument to his memory.

—NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD,  
New York Metropolitan Section.

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It was with great sorrow that we, the members of the Brooklyn Region of the Zionist Organization of America, heard the news of the passing of Joseph Goldberg.

He was a tried and true Zionist and helped us in every work we undertook. He felt for Zion and worked for Zion. In his capacity as Executive Director of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, he was always helpful and co-operative. There never was a problem that Joe could not resolve to the satisfaction of all concerned. And equally as important, was his own sincere interest and concern for the Zionist cause and the State of Israel.

We shall miss him sorely.

—THOMAS COHEN, *President*,  
Brooklyn Zionist Region.

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We of Parkway Post No. 61 Jewish War Veterans of the United States, join the entire community in mourning the untimely passing of our charter member, Comrade Joseph Goldberg.

Comrade Goldberg's constant interest in veterans' problems was typical of his broad concern with civic affairs. His steadfast support of our past activities and policies will be sorely missed.

All who knew Joe Goldberg will miss his sympathetic warmth, his concern for his fellow-man.

—ALVIN MAYER, *Commander*,  
Parkway Post No. 61 J.W.V.

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Joseph Goldberg was an organizer of the Brooklyn Zionist Region more than

15 years ago and an active member of its first Executive Board. He was the backbone of the Zionist District in our Center, now the largest Zionist District in the United States.

As a Vice-President and Chairman of programming for the District, it was his planning and work which made our public meetings a model for Zionist meetings in this Borough. No major activity was ever launched by the District, whether it be UJA, bonds, membership or other Zionist activity, without his prior counsel, planning and advice.

Because of his self-effacing modesty, he always preferred to remain in the background and allow others to receive the credit for the work that he had planned and put into effect. His passing has been a great loss to our Zionist district, in particular, and, in general, to the cause of Zionism in America.

—JOSEPH S. SCHEINBERG, *President*,  
Eastern Parkway District No. 14.

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The Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council notes with sorrow and deep regret the passing of Joseph Goldberg, one of the ablest and most devoted members of the Jewish community of Brooklyn.

The Council recalls the great part played by Joseph Goldberg in its organization, and believes that without his active participation and guidance the Council might well not have been established. Mr. Goldberg served in a voluntary capacity as the first Acting Secretary.

—LEO MARDER, *President*.

—DR. ARTHUR J. S. ROSENBAUM,  
*Executive Director*.

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In behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the East Midwood Jewish Center I wish to express our deep regrets to the Officers and Trustees of the Brooklyn Jewish Center on the untimely passing of its administrative director, Mr. Joseph Goldberg.

Mr. Goldberg was a splendid individual and served Jewry well through the entire borough of Brooklyn, and he shall be greatly missed by all of us who were privileged to know this fine gentleman and Jew.

—SIDNEY L. SCHIFF, *President*,  
East Midwood Jewish Center.

Following are excerpts from the moving eulogy delivered by Rabbi Levinthal at the funeral services for the late Administrative Director of the Center.

## EULOGY FOR JOSEPH GOLDBERG

Delivered by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal

LIKE Bezalel, the master builder of Israel's sanctuary in the wilderness, our Joseph Goldberg was endowed by God *B'chochmoh*, "with wisdom, with knowledge and with all kinds of work." He came to us young in years, with little experience in Center building, in construction or in financing. And yet how quickly he learned all the phases of work that were entailed in the erection and in the functioning of this building.

God placed in *Ruach Elohim*, a Divine spirit, that turned all his gifts into a holy consecration. A Spirit of Godliness, of Divine dedication, was infused in everything that he did.

In a beautiful passage of our Prayer Book that we recite on Sabbath mornings, we read *Yismach Mosheh B'matnas chelko*, "Moses rejoiceth in the gift of his portion, *ki eved ne-emon koroso lo*, "that Thou hast called him a faithful servant." Of all the titles and praises that were conferred upon him, Moses rejoiced most, and regarded as the prime gift of his portion in life, that God called him "a faithful servant."

Truly, that distinction we may confer upon our Joseph Goldberg. Of all the beautiful things that can be said of him, the truest and noblest tribute that can be paid him is *Ki eved ne-emon korenu lo*, that we have called him—and call him now — an *eved ne-emon*, a faithful servant.

His faithfulness knew no bounds. It was part of that Divine spirit that characterized all that he did. There was never a thought of self; no hours bound the limits of his labor. Whether early morning or late in the night, when work was to be done, Goldberg was there to do it.

*Yismach Mosheh*, literally, "Moses will rejoice!" The verb in the Hebrew text is in the future. That will be the reward of Moses to eternity, that he will ever be known as the *eved ne-emon*. So, too, we may say of our departed Joseph Goldberg. *Yismach Yosef*, the spirit of our Joseph will ever rejoice in the posi-

tion of his gift, that for all times to come we shall recall him as an *eved ne-emon*, a faithful servant of all that is beautiful and ideal in Jewish life.

There is a dramatic tale that is told in the pages of our classic Rabbinic literature which comes to my mind when I think of our beloved Goldberg, whose soul departed yesterday on the Sabbath. King David asks God—"Let me know when my end will be?" (Psalm 39:5; *Hodecani Hashem Kitzi*). And God answered: "Thou wilt die on the Sabbath!" The tale makes David argue with God: "I will die on the first day of the week!" "But," continue the Rabbis, "God's words were fulfilled and he did die on the Sabbath! (Shabbat 30a)."

What is the meaning of this strange dialogue between David and God?

David, though he accomplished so much in the years of his life, felt that he had so much more to do; that he was,

as on the beginning of the week, ready and eager to achieve even more; that if he died now, it would be as if he died at the beginning of his career. But God evaluated his life differently. "Thou hast accomplished much! Thou hast had a full life of achievement! Thou deserveth thy rest—a Sabbath that follows a life of toil!" Our Goldberg died on the Sabbath, symbolizing this very truth that the Rabbis emphasize. He felt that he was just at the beginning of his career. Just about a week ago, when I visited him, he was telling me of certain plans that he had and that he wanted to work on when he returned to his desk. He felt, as David did, that to die now would be to die "on the first day, the very beginning of the week." But God said to him, too: *B'shabbos tomus*. "Thou wilt die on the Sabbath! Thou hast completed thy task, and hast done it well. Now, thou deserveth the rest of the eternal Sabbath!"

## A NOTABLE BEGINNING

The following is taken from Joseph Goldberg's History of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, published in the Center's Jubilee Book

WITHIN a few months after the cornerstone of the Center was laid, the membership grew to two hundred, and with this growth came the desire for the organization of some activities even before the building was completed. As soon as the basement (now the gymnasium) was finished, a temporary roof was built over it and High Holy Day services were conducted there in September 1920. The Sisterhood was then organized, and several young folks clubs were formed. The Hebrew School was opened on November 15th. The use of portions of the building while it was in the process of construction slowed the completion of the structure but there was compensation in the fact that we were able to meet the demands of an ever-growing Jewish community for a place of worship, and to satisfy the need of the children for Jewish education.

In April of the same year, a historic

Jewish event occurred. The first Zionist delegation from abroad arrived in this country to organize the Keren Hayesod. It consisted of Professor Chaim Weizmann, Prof. Albert Einstein and the late Menachem M. Ussishkin. They received a tremendous ovation from New York Jewry, culminating in a great demonstration at the Metropolitan Opera House. The Hebrew Schools of Greater New York decided to arrange a parade and reception in honor of the guests and the Brooklyn Jewish Center, even in its unfinished state, was chosen for the demonstration. This was the first time that our Borough was selected as a place for a city-wide Jewish function. Therefore, all such events had been held in Manhattan. Two thousand pupils, representing all Hebrew schools in the city, paraded on Eastern Parkway with their school banners and were reviewed by Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Ussishkin and Dr. Schmaryah Levin from a stand erected in front of the Center building.



# A LIFE OF DEVOTION

By JOSEPH KAYE

THE last time I saw Joe Goldberg was before he left for Florida in a vain search for health. It was at one of our monthly meetings at the print shop where the *Review* is published. Despite his obvious weakness he could not resist looking over the proofs, and seeing that everything was in order, particularly the news of the Center activities.

Although his face was thin, and the collar of his always neat shirt had become several sizes too large, his eyes were bright; there was a sparkle of happiness in them. I soon learned the reason. He told me about the dinner that had been given in his honor by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. It had been held in the Center, and because Joe had been the honored guest, a great number of tables had been sold, and more money was raised than on many a similar occasion.

"You should have heard what they said," he remarked. He did not say "about me." That wasn't like Joe. "It was a wonderful evening." He said. "I'll never forget it."

I did not have a report on this dinner, and I said we should get someone who had been present to describe it for the *Review*. Joe wouldn't hear of it. The event might be important to him but it was presumptuous to publicize it. Nevertheless I did insert a report, and I hope Joe liked it. I never saw him again to ask him.

In all the twenty years I knew and worked with Joe this was the first time that he had been so publicly honored. It was good that this recognition had come before he passed on.

Joe came to the Center thirty-three years ago, and the establishment of this institution and its development became his lifework. He loved the Center ideal; he loved the building, which both of us time and again admired as probably the most beautiful in its class; he loved the activities of the Center, and he literally worked his life away to help establish them and to make them successful; he loved the people of the Center, and when his endurance was sorely taxed by the exasperations inseparable from an organization with a large membership, he had

## *Joseph Goldberg's Ideal Was To Serve His Community and Help Create a Better Jewish Life*



extraordinary tolerance—virtues always outweighed defects with him; he loved the ethical and spiritual concepts of Judaism, and did his best to realize them through the work of the Center and in his personal life.

He was superbly fitted for the labors to which destiny had brought him, and because of this it can be said that he led a happy existence. For how many of us are so fortunate as to truly love our work?

Every new Center enterprise was a worthy adventure to Joe, to be undertaken with an eager—though considered—enthusiasm.

One of the earliest of these enterprises I recall was when the Library of Nazi-banned books was founded in the Center, a collection which was the nucleus of the present well-stocked circulation and reference library serving the Center membership and the community. After Hitler had conducted his notorious burning of books he condemned as alien to Nazi thought, I suggested that the *Review* should install in the Center a wall of shelves containing as many of the destroyed books as could be obtained. It was a rather wistful idea, for it seemed most doubtful that a local organization would undertake so involved and difficult a task. Joe took just several moments for deliberation. "We'll do it," he said. Then while I ransacked the Fourth Avenue second-hand book stores for

works obscure in this country, Joe started a truly tremendous job to obtain the money, organize support, plan a huge dinner to celebrate the opening of this unique library, publicize it in the newspapers of the country, enlist an honorary committee of distinguished personalities, and invite suitable guests.

The library was opened on December 22, 1934. It was a brilliant event. The speakers included Albert Einstein, Edwin Markham, the eminent poet who wrote "The Man With the Hoe," Stephen S. Wise, Will Durant, the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, the celebrated divine, and Rabbi Levinthal. Congratulatory messages came from Bertrand Russell, Andre Gide, Lion Feuchtwanger, among other notables. Einstein presented to the library a manuscript page of calculations for his Field Theory. But on this historic occasion the most unnoticed among the principals was Joe.

So it went throughout the years. There were numerous ventures that brought good to the Center and to the community; and many of these activities brought good to world Jewry, and of course to Zionism and later to Israel. Joe engaged in all these efforts with an expert sense of direction, with utmost diplomacy, yet with strength and persistence. He was never content until the job was done.

One trait of his personality should be emphasized continually—he would never

deviate from an ideal, never take a step backward when retrenchment was advised. To go forward was his motto; his simple explanation was that you couldn't get ahead by slipping behind. He tried always to keep on building, and the great progress the Brooklyn Jewish Center has made is testimony to the wisdom of his principles.

Joe led a quiet life. Whatever excitement and color it had came from his work for the Center and the community. He came to this country from his native Rumania as a child. He lived in Brooklyn and ended his days there. He was a Zionist as a young boy. When the First World War broke out he was already involved in communal work and helped to organize a relief committee to aid Jewish war sufferers in Europe and Palestine. At first he and his young colleagues made door to door and street collections. The response did not seem adequate, so Joe began to feature in his campaign a line from the poet Frug—"Bread for the living, shrouds for the dead." It stirred apathetic prospects.

When the American Jewish Congress was organized a Brooklyn division of the elected delegates was created and Joe was made corresponding secretary. Then the United States became involved in the war and Joe went overseas as a member of the 77th Division.

Wherever Joe went, Jewishness went with him. One day in France his outfit received orders to move on. This happened to be the night before Yom Kippur. Joe thought the Jewish soldiers would be comforted if they attended services. So he went to the only chaplain available, a priest, and asked his help in arranging the Yom Kippur service. The priest asked the colonel of the regiment to notify all Jewish boys that a service would be held, and requisitioned an abandoned church for the purpose. A Jewish chaplain was discovered somewhere, and a Jewish bugler found who could manage the chants. And so before the men journeyed into the dangerous future they were given the inspiration of the most impressive service of all the holy days.

Two years later Joe came home. No experiences of the war had changed him from his complete devotion to Jewishness. He wanted to settle down to some

profitable business career, but a committee bore down on him and offered him the secretaryship of the American Red Mogen Dovid. This organization supported the families of men who joined the Jewish Legion fighting for the liberation of Palestine under General Allenby.

Joe could not refuse, and postponed making money. He saw many of his associates earn large profits in business; he just made causes prosper.

When he thought the Red Mogen Dovid could get along without the help he could give it he turned his mind to business again, but just then a friend told him that some people in Brooklyn were undertaking a project that might interest him—they were about to organize a "Jewish Center," where the worship of the Jewish faith was to be combined with Jewish culture and recreational activities. A similar institution had already been founded in Manhattan by a visionary named Mordecai M. Kaplan, and it seemed to be getting along.

Joe was intrigued by the center idea. He investigated. A young rabbi named Israel H. Levinthal had just accepted the post of spiritual leader of the still unformed organization, and Joe called on him. The rabbi took a look at the eager and gentle young man and knew that here was the secretary of the future Brooklyn Jewish Center.

Thus Joe got his life job. He and the Center grew up together. The Eastern Parkway community was then young. It was made up of former residents of either Brownsville or Williamsburg. The Jewish population increased rapidly, and much of the growth was due to the proposed erection of the Center. Apartment houses sprang up on vacant lots everywhere, business establishments multiplied, and a lively community began to flourish. The foundation of the Center was laid in 1920, and the building was completed and dedicated by the end of 1922. Among the speakers at the official dedication service were Louis Marshall, the famed lawyer and President of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, and Dr. Cyrus Adler, President of Dropsie College. Rabbi Levinthal delivered the dedication sermon.

Then began what Joe described as "the everyday problems of making the institution function."

In his history of the Center, published in its Jubilee Book, Joe wrote of this period: "We wanted the Center to be a bee-hive of Jewish and general activities, and in this we believe we succeeded."

In concluding his account, Joe wrote: "The history of the Brooklyn Jewish Center cannot be complete without due credit to all the men and women who worked so zealously for its welfare. May their reward be the satisfaction of knowing that their labors and sacrifices built and maintained an institution that has greatly influenced Jewish life in our own borough and has been a model for many communities throughout the country. May the next quarter of a century be worthy of the accomplishments of the first twenty-five years."

Joe Goldberg's real reward in life was the satisfaction of knowing that his labors and sacrifices (in health and financial gain) helped to build and maintain the Center. If the years to come will bring "accomplishments worthy of the first quarter of a century" of the Center's existence, that will be a tribute to Joseph Goldberg far surpassing those to be found in the pages of this issue of the *Review*.

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## TO JOSEPH GOLDBERG

HE WAS a Man of the People! Now his years are at an end! He will be long remembered as a loyal and faithful friend Of every cause he loved so well, and of Zion most of all; He was always prepared and ready to answer his people's call.

And as in retrospect we see the deeds he left behind,  
His patience and understanding come well to mind;  
His modesty of manner, and his kindly co-operation,  
Were an ever flowing source of encouragement and inspiration.

This man, he loved his people; his toils for them were tireless!  
He was a man loved by the people! . . . May his memory be blessed!

—NETTIE M. HERSCHMAN.

**W**HILE the passing of Joseph Goldberg leaves a mournful void in the community of Brooklyn and particularly The Brooklyn Jewish Center, The National Association of Synagogue Administrators of The United Synagogue of America suffers a special loss in the death of its good and gifted honorary president who devoted so much of his time, energy and thought to its welfare.

From his earliest manhood he sensed the vital importance of the synagogue in Jewish life. Through his association with The Brooklyn Jewish Center, he labored for his people and saw the fulfillment of the historic role of the synagogue as a *Beth Hatefelo, Beth Hakneseth, Beth Hamidrosb*.

Joseph Goldberg was not content in his labors for the synagogue alone. His devotion to all Jewish causes saw him take an active and leading role in every worthwhile endeavor sponsored by his community. This was brought home to the writer when on a recent visit to the Center it was noted that a special space was reserved in the crowded synagogue office for the Zionist Organization. Only a few months prior to his demise Joseph Goldberg was the guest of honor at a dinner sponsored by the Center in behalf of The Jewish Welfare Federation of Brooklyn. He was most active in the annual effort of his Synagogue in support of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the mother-institution of Conservative Judaism.

He was designated the "dean" of professional synagogue administrators, not only because the institution he administered counted the largest membership in the country, but because he possessed the qualities so necessary to be successful in his chosen profession. Joseph Goldberg had an inner serenity which permeated kindness and good-will.

We first met "Joe" in Chicago in the year 1948. We had come to the Stevens Hotel to attend The Biennial Convention of The United Synagogue of America and in response to an invitation to form an association of synagogue administrators. Six professional synagogue administrators had answered the call—Abe Caplan of Beth Shalom, Pittsburgh; Lazar Goldberg of Beth Yeshurun, Texas; Joseph Wein-

## *A Phase of Joseph Goldberg's Work not Generally Known is Told by a Colleague*

### THE MAN WHO CREATED A PROFESSION

By JOSEPH ABRAHAM

*Executive Director, Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Detroit, and President, National Association of Synagogue Administrators.*

stein, Chizuk Amuno, Baltimore; Aaron Weiss of Park Avenue Synagogue, Cleveland; our late friend, and the writer. Our group was small but our enthusiasm was high.

When it came to election of officers, we had no difficulty in selecting a president. There was only one logical and desirable candidate—Joe Goldberg. We had all read his articles on synagogue administration. We had heard, and were familiar with the glorious history of the institution whose Board of Directors had entrusted the policies for administering its affairs and responsibilities to Goldberg for three decades. We knew that he possessed all the attributes of a successful synagogue administrator—he was an interested and practicing Jew; he had a disposition of efficiency and affability; he was familiar with public relations; he possessed a thorough knowledge of fund-raising techniques, accountancy, modern office procedure, group work and building operations, to mention but a few of the phases which come within the scope of the synagogue administrator, often called a "general factotum."

The executive director in the synagogue field of service belonged to a comparatively new profession. Those who could boast of any length of service were but a handful. We knew that by the selection of Joseph Goldberg to head our association he could guide us in our endeavors to aid all congregations affiliated with The United Synagogue, and the young could look up to him as an exemplary administrator. He could indeed raise the standards and stature of our profession.

In June of 1949 Joseph Goldberg convened the first Annual Meeting of the Association in the Unterberg Auditorium of The Jewish Theological Seminary. Our roster then numbered forty-two. Fifteen professional administrators and several lay-leaders of congregations attended. The United Synagogue published

the proceedings of the Convention, together with the formal addresses delivered. The National Association of Synagogue Administrators, under the leadership of Joseph Goldberg, had hurdled its first difficult year of formation.

A short while later our friend was stricken with illness. He intimated to me his desire to relinquish the presidency. At the next annual meeting of the Association held in Washington in November, 1950, I accepted the nomination for president. Joe's colleagues, in tribute to his increasing labors in synagogue administration, elected him honorary president.

Although illness continued to plague him, Joseph Goldberg attended every meeting of the Association, and it was only last May at the convention in Boston, that we missed his presence.

As chairman of our Placement Committee, he further aided many synagogues in their quest for suitable directors. Goldberg lived to see the day when more than twenty per cent of the four hundred and twenty synagogues affiliated with The United Synagogue of America employed full-time administrators.

Although the Almighty did not grant him his full allotment of three score and ten, Joseph Goldberg did indeed live a full and purposeful life. The National Association of Synagogue Administrators pays tribute to its honorary president whose name will be written large in the history of Conservative Judaism. His sterling personality and unbounded energy have been unstintingly bestowed in rendering service to his fellow-man.

We find comfort in the knowledge that his personality has left an enriching impression upon all who knew him.



# NEW BOOKS

Reviewed by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal

*"Franz Rosenzweig — His Life and Thought," presented by Nabum N. Glatzer. Farrar, Straus and Young, Inc.*

The name of Franz Rosenzweig meant a great deal to the intellectuals of our people in the early part of this century, especially in Germany. Fortunately, the interest in this unique figure has increased, and his life and teachings are now again having a tremendous influence upon the thinking of Jews everywhere who are searching for a deeper meaning and a re-evaluation of their religious tradition.

Franz Rosenzweig's life was both tragic and heroic. He died at the early age of 43, and was almost completely paralyzed for the last six years of his life. But this did not interfere with his thinking, or with his lifework, which was to enrich our literature and philosophies. His writing was done through patient and often difficult dictation. How he could continue his German translations of the Bible, and to complete a large portion of it—a work which he did in conjunction with Martin Buber—and to produce philosophic essays under these trying and painful conditions is beyond our understanding. It was an instance of mystic faith conquering all obstacles.

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His entire career is a fascinating one. Brought up under the influence of assimilationism, and at one time contemplating conversion to Christianity, he found his way back to the God of his fathers on a Yom Kippur Eve, and from then on he led a life that was altogether spiritually attuned to all the beautiful ideals and practices of our historic faith.

Dr. Glatzer, the author of this interesting volume, was one of the intimate disciples of Franz Rosenzweig, and the last occupant of the chair in Jewish Philosophy and Ethics at the University of Frankfurt, a post originally offered to Rosenzweig. He is now Associate Professor of Jewish History at Brandeis University. Dr. Glatzer is a great scholar, and has written many important works on Jewish subjects, including a number of studies on Rosenzweig's teachings. He has adopted a unique method in writing this book. Apart from the brilliant in-

troduction, in which he shows the real contributions of Rosenzweig, the entire work is presented through quotations from the vast writings of Rosenzweig and from letters and articles of prominent scholars and laymen who came in contact with Rosenzweig. Thus we have the hero of the story himself giving us his views on the various topics and problems that held his attention, and the opinions of contemporaries regarding these views and their influence upon them. Professor Glatzer presents the matter in such excellent fashion that the reader is held fascinated from cover to cover.

This is a volume that will do much to influence the thinking of the modern Jew concerning the philosophy of the Jewish religion, and will prove how Judaism still possesses the power to direct our lives along the loftiest spiritual planes by offering us a noble concept and vision of God.

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*"Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation," by Rabbi Menachem M. Kasher, translated under the editorship of Rabbi Dr. Harry Freedman.*

Jewish scholars are familiar with the monumental work of Rabbi Kasher, known as *Torah Sh'lemah*, of which fourteen volumes have already appeared. Now all English-speaking Jews will have the opportunity to know its treasures in this beautiful English translation. Only the first volume has now appeared, but it is hoped that American Jewry will show its appreciation of this important undertaking, thus enabling the committee sponsoring this work to continue with the translation of all the volumes.

Here is indeed an encyclopedia of all Biblical interpretation by the ancient sages. Rabbi Kasher has gathered together every Rabbinic comment on every verse in the Bible which reflect the *Aggadic*, or folklore, philosophic, homiletical wisdom of the great Rabbis, and with which they illumined the hidden meaning of every word in the Torah. This is a complete anthology of such wisdom, and every Jew will find delight and inspiration in it.

In addition to these Rabbinic interpretations, there is an excellent commentary,

culled from the richest sources—both ancient and modern—that explain the real meaning of every verse.

The volume starts with B'reshith—the first word in the Pentateuch—and covers the first five and a half chapters of Genesis. One can therefore understand the rich storehouse of Rabbinic wisdom that is offered in this large book.

There is also an appendix, which consists of four learned essays on such themes as "The Concept of Time in Biblical and Post Biblical Literature," "The Atom in Jewish Sources," "Creation and the Theory of Evolution," and "Creation and Human Brotherhood," in which Rabbi Kasher endeavors to show how rich an understanding the sages of old had of the phenomena of nature and of the true role of religion in the life of man.

The sponsoring committee of this work was fortunate to secure as chief translator and editor of the English edition an outstanding scholar, Dr. Harry Freedman, who edited several of the books of the Bible in the Soncino edition, and who translated several volumes of the Talmud and of the Midrash for the Soncino English edition.

This first volume is fittingly dedicated to our former President, Harry S. Truman, a lover of the Bible, to whom all Americans, and especially we Jews and our brethren, the people of Israel, are so much indebted. The publication was made possible by the friends and admirers of Rabbi Dr. Abraham M. Hersman, of Detroit, one of the outstanding spiritual leaders in the country, in honor of his seventieth birthday.

This is a work which should be in every Jewish home in order that our people may once again recapture the great wisdom of our ancient classic teachers.

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*"Selected Poems," by Chester Jacob Teller.*

This little volume of but thirty pages is filled with beautiful verse. The author is not a professional poet—his life-work has been dedicated to social service, to improving the lot of his fellow man. Poetry is his avocation, a tender love, by

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# NEWS OF THE CENTER

## Concluding Late Friday Night Service, March 27

The closing late Friday night service of the season will be held on March 27, 1953 at 8:30 o'clock and will be devoted to honoring those students who have continued their Hebrew studies for two years beyond Bar-Mitzvah. In addition, the Brooklyn Jewish Center Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Sholom Secunda, will render a musical program with Cantor Sauler as soloist.

The following students will be honored: Abraham Eisenberg, Bernard Goldstein, Steven Hurwitz, Paul Kushner, Henry Michaelman, Manec Midlarsky, Marshal Richter, Robert Rood, Avram Rothstein, Seymour Siegel, David Spevack, Mitchell Streger, Sol Tanenzapf, Fredric Weinstein, Joseph Zelvin.

The traditional medal given to the student in the Bar-Mitzvah Fellowship who has made the most progress in his Hebrew studies will be awarded this year to Paul Kushner, a graduate of our Hebrew school and a student in the 3rd year of the Marshalliah Hebrew High School.

Rabbi Levinthal and the associate rabbis, Dr. Kreitman and Rabbi Lewittes, will participate.

All Center members, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

## Passover Services

The services for the first days of the Passover holiday will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 30th and 31st, at 6:05 o'clock; on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, March 31st and April 1st, at 8:30 o'clock. Rabbi Levinthal will preach on the significance of the festival on the first day and Rabbi Kreitman will speak on the second day. Our Cantor, Rev. William Sauler, will officiate on both days, together with the Center Congregational Singing Group under the leadership of Mr. Secunda.

## Passover Sedorim

The first Seder, on Monday evening, March 30th, will begin at 7:00 o'clock

and the second Seder, Tuesday, March 31st, will commence at 7:00 o'clock.

## Daily Services

Morning services at 7 and 8 o'clock.

Mincha services at 6:05 p.m.

Special Maariv services — 7:30 p.m. (Except Fri., Sat., and Sun.)

## Candle Lighting During Passover

Candles will be lit on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 30th and 31st, at 5:58 p.m.

The following week for the concluding days of the holidays, candles will be lit on Sunday and Monday, April 5th and 6th, at 6:00 p.m.

## Concluding Passover Services

The services for the concluding days of the Passover holidays will be held on Sunday and Monday evenings, April 5th and 6th, at 6:05 o'clock; on Monday and Tuesday mornings, April 6th and 7th, at 8:30 o'clock. Rabbi Kreitman will speak on Monday morning and Dr. Levinthal will speak on the concluding day, Tuesday morning. Cantor Sauler will officiate on both days together with the Center Congregational Singing Group under the leadership of Mr. Secunda.

Yizkor (memorial services for the dead) will be recited at the services on the last day of Passover, Tuesday morning, April 7th, at about 10:15 o'clock.

## Sabbath Services

### Week of March 27

Friday evening services at 6:00 p.m.

Kindling of candles at 5:54 p.m.

Sabbath Services commence at 8:30 a.m.

Sidra, or portion of the Torah:

Shabbat Hagadol "Zav." Leviticus 6.1-8.36.

Haphtorah Reading: Prophets — Malachi 3.4-24.

Rabbi Kreitman will preach on the weekly portion of the Torah.

Cantor Sauler will officiate together with the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

The class in Talmud under the leadership of Rabbi Jacob S. Doner will begin at 4:15 p.m.

The lecture in Yiddish will be delivered by Dr. Leon Thorn at 5:30 p.m.

Mincha services at 6:00 p.m.

## Honorary President and Governing Board Members Elected

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees Judge Emanuel Greenberg was elected as Honorary President.

The following were elected as members of the Honorary Governing Board: Messrs. Louis Albert, Alex Bernstein, Louis Halperin, Morris Neinken and Philip Palevsky.

## Junior Congregation Passover Festival Services

Passover services will be held in the Junior Congregation on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, March 31st and April 1st, at 9:30 o'clock under the leadership of Rabbi Lewittes.

Services for the concluding days of Passover will be held in the Junior Congregation on Monday and Tuesday mornings, April 6th and 7th, at 9:30 o'clock under the leadership of Rabbi Lewittes.

## Gym Schedule For Holidays

The Gym and Baths Department will be open on Monday, March 30th (erev Pesach) for men and boys from 1 to 4 p.m., will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31st and April 1st, for Passover and will reopen on Thursday morning, April 2nd, for women at 10 a.m.

The following week for the concluding days of the Passover holiday the department will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 6th and 7th, and will reopen on Wednesday morning, April 8th, for women at 10 a.m.

## Bar Mitzvah

A hearty Mazel Tov is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greenwald of 660 Crown Street on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, A. Seth, which will be celebrated at the Center this Sabbath morning, March 28th.

## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

COHEN, JACK

Res. 1362 Ocean Ave.  
Bus. General Contracting  
Married

*Proposed by* Bert Block,  
Lionel Aprill

BERNSTEIN, DANIEL

Res. 742 Troy Ave.  
Bus. Dresses, 4715 Church Ave.  
Married

*Proposed by* Wm. Fried,  
Irv. L. Rosof

DYM, MAX J.

Res. 757 Empire Blvd.  
Bus. Lawyer, 92 Liberty Ave.  
Married

*Proposed by* Herman Rothkopf,  
Abr. Rothkopf

FEINBERG, MRS. SALLY

Res. 263 Eastern Pkwy.  
*Proposed by* Dr. A. M. Kellerman,  
Dr. Meyer Lerner

JOSEPH, GEORGE

Res. 850 President St.  
Bus. Laces, 130 Madison Ave.  
Married  
*Proposed by* Al Miller

LEVY, MISS RUTH

Res. 418 E. 52nd St.

LIEBMAN, MORRIS

Res. 128 Chester St.  
Bus. Lawyer, 44 Court St.  
Single

MEYERHOFF, ARTHUR

Res. 763 Greene Ave.  
Bus. Metallurgist, U. S. Navy  
Single

PINE, MISS SONIA E.

Res. 1449 E. 19th St.  
*Proposed by* Margaret M. Levy

RHOADES, MERVIN

Res. 1532 President St.  
Bus. Veterinarian  
Single

*Proposed by* David Rosenberg,  
Moses Ginsberg

RIBACK, SAUL

Res. 332 Starr St.  
Bus. Variety Store, 552 Woodward Ave.  
Single

SCHIAFFER, DR. ALBERT

Res. 1428—43rd St.  
Bus. Veterinarian, 350 Lafayette St.  
Single  
*Proposed by* Paul Kotik,  
Stuart Pearl

SCHULMAN, MISS RUTH

Res. 179 Linden Blvd.

SPERO, MISS MARNA

Res. 1261 Union St.  
*Proposed by* Morton Pitashnick,  
Norman Uroff

TARADASH, RAYMOND

Res. 932 Myrtle Ave.  
Bus. Research, 500—5th Ave.  
Single

*Proposed by* Abraham Medwin,  
Isador Lowenfeld

YAROSLAWITZ, MARTIN B.

Res. 616 Empire Blvd.  
Bus. Salesman, 48 Eldridge St.  
Single

ZANDER, MISS LEIGH E.

Res. 2142 E. 24th St.  
*Proposed by* Margaret M. Levy

The following have applied for re-instatement:

SEGAL, EMANUEL

Res. 1131 President St.  
Bus. Board of Education  
Single

WEISSBERG, MISS CHARLOTTE

Res. 1695 East 21st St.  
*Proposed by* Paul Kotik

### Late Applications

BLOCH, DR. SAMUEL

Res. 2010 Strauss St.  
Bus. Physician  
Married

*Proposed by* Dr. Aaron Leifer,  
Stanley I. Leshaw

EPSTEIN, MORRIS

Res. 1014 Park Pl.  
Married  
*Proposed by* Kalman Rebhun

GREENBERG, MISS CLAIRE

Res. 384 E. 34th St.  
*Proposed by* Joan Bogart,  
Harriet Shaine

GABRIELSON, JOSEPH

Res. 365 New York Ave.

## MEMBERSHIP

### SOCIAL

### MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

**8:30 P.M.**

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JEANETTE LA BIANCA

Youngest Coloratura Soprano

THE MAGINIS

Master Magicians

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Refreshments and Social Hour

Will Follow

Admission limited to Center members and their wives on presentation of 1953 membership cards.

Bus. Transportation, 1790 Bway.  
Married  
*Proposed by* Meyer Hausner

HIRSH, DAVID

Res. 1193 Lincoln Pl.  
Bus. Paper Dist., 401 Washington St.  
Married

LEVINE, MISS MARILYN

Res. 773 Albany Ave.  
*Proposed by* Gerald Jacobs,  
Harold Kalb

LEVY, MISS LYDIA

Res. 1195 President St.  
*Proposed by* Paula Harris,  
Grace Swirsky

MANKIN, MISS BARBARA RUTH

Res. 1245 Eastern Pkwy.

WILLING, JOE

Res. 631 Cleveland St.  
Bus. U. S. Customs  
Single  
*Proposed by* Wm. Brief

FRANK SCHIAFFER,  
Chairman, Membership Committee.



## THE YOUNGER MEMBERSHIP

FOR the past two months we have been engaged in our annual campaign on behalf of the U.J.A. The Charities Committee under the leadership of Michael J. Rosenfeld and Rita Vogel has done a magnificent job in obtaining pledges and contributions for this most worthy cause. Two cocktail parties held at the homes of Misses Ina Perlowitz and Ruth Machlin, respectively, were very well attended and the results achieved were most gratifying. As a climax, the committee presented a Gay Nineties U.J.A. Cabaret Night on March 17, complete with singing waiters, barber shop quartette, handlebar moustaches, and Keystone Kops. Music was provided by Murray Baum and his "Gay Nineties" band. Heading the entertainment was Marian Paige, singing comedienne. Our guest speaker was Judge Jacob J. Schwartzwald. Those who have not yet made their 1953 pledges are urgently requested to do so immediately.

The Fourth Annual Cotillion will be held on Saturday evening, April 18. The theme will be the Rose. The main ballroom will be set up in cabaret style. Attire for the evening will be both formal and informal. Music by a prominent orchestra. Couvert, \$8.50. Only a limited number of reservations are still available. Communicate with a member of the Cotillion Committee.

### Calendar

Tuesday, April 7—Square dance.

Tuesday, April 14—Third lecture on "New Trends in Judaism."

Tuesday, April 21—Israeli Bond Night in celebration of the 5th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

### Interest Groups

Bowling Group—meets every Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Kings Bowling Alley. Elmer Riffman, chairman.

Bridge Group—meets Thursday, April 2, 9, and 23, at 8 p.m. Sid Zarider, chairman.

Ice Skating Group—meets March 29, April 5 and 12, at the Brooklyn Ice Palace. H. Martin Rubin and Sid Spatz, chairmen.

Music Interest Group—meets Thursday

evening, April 16 and 30, at 8:30 p.m. Harriet Bell, chairman.

Oneq Shabbat—follows the late Friday evening services every week through April 28. Roz Zambrowsky and Dave Yawitz, chairmen.

HAROLD KALB,  
First Vice-President.

Due to the intervening Passover holiday the next issue of the Bulletin will appear on April 10th.

## MR. & MRS. CLUB

The February meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. Club was one of the finest and most unusual in our programming history. Mrs. Rachel Wischnitzer Bernstein, former curator of a Berlin museum, presented a program of Jewish Art by means of lantern slide illustrations. We saw examples of third century art in a synagogue excavated in Dura-Europus modern synagogue architectural and paintings and sculptures by contemporary Jewish artists. It was a fascinating experience to see and learn how our Jewish heritage found expression in the artistic endeavors of some of the Jewish artists and how some others were not at all influenced by this background.

On March 23rd, the Mr. and Mrs. Club made an attempt to settle the often debated question "Is It a Man's World?" Participating in the symposium was our own Rabbi Mordecai Lewittes who discussed "The Place of the Woman in the Jewish Family." Mrs. Rita Safer of our group discussed Feinberg's book "Modern Woman, the Lost Sex," also from our group, Mr. David M. Gold spoke on Margaret Mead's book "Male and Female." Group questions and panel discussion followed. The evening proved to be most stimulating and was pleasantly enjoyed by all who attended. A social hour followed and refreshments were served.

Don't forget that April 18th, the date of our Annual Affair, is but a few weeks off. If you haven't secured your reservations as yet please telephone the Center for information. Broadway entertainment, dance orchestra music, delicious food and drink all add up to a fine evening. Tickets are \$10 per couple. Make your reservations now.

## In Memoriam

We announce with deep regret the passing of

### Louis Weinstock

of 135 Eastern Parkway, one of the Center's earlier members and member of our Governing Board, on March 18, 1953.

The Brooklyn Jewish Center extends sympathy and condolence to the family and relatives in their bereavement.

## Junior League News

The month of March, as usual, had some very interesting and enjoyable programs. March 5th featured a talent show under the leadership of Elaine Hutter. Michael Sherker, Sandra Goldberg, Barbara Silver and Nancy Reisner participated. On March 12th, Mr. David Weiss, Director of the Young People's League, spoke on "YPL and its Role in Jewish Youth Work." The meeting on March 19th highlighted a speaker from the N. Y. Federation—B'nai Brith Employment Service who spoke on the subject "Choosing a Career with a Future for Our Times." On March 26th a Model Seder was held. Our Annual Passover Dance will be held on April 2nd. On April 4th, Rochelle Perlen, Julian Wolpert, Bob Kritz and Rena Rosebaum will act as speakers at the Sabbath Services during Passover. April 7th we are invited as guests of the Young Folks League at their regular weekly meeting.

All Junior League meetings are followed by a social hour and dancing.

*The Young Folks League and the Mr. and Mrs. Club will sponsor a series of five Oneq Shabbat lectures by Dr. Benjamin Kreitman on the philosophy and theology of the prayer book. The first lecture will be held on Friday, April 10, at 9:00 P.M.*

## IN THE HEBREW SCHOOL

A VERY successful Purim operetta was presented by the students of our Hebrew and Sunday Schools on Sunday, March 1st, under the direction of Mr. Naftali Frankel. The following students took part: Charles Levinsky, Abigail Rabinowitz, Joseph Moskowitz, Marian Brown, Joel Fisher, Jerome Gold, Sonny Greenberg; Soloist, Joan Rezak; narrator, Ellen Rein and Johanna Hecht; dance solo, Erica Ross; spotlights, Mitchell Streger, Joseph Zelvin. Some of the original lyrics were written by Abigail Rabinowitz. Rabbi Kreitman greeted the guests in the name of the Center; Rabbi Lewittes presided at the two performances on Sunday morning. Purim activities in the schools included the distribution of *hamentashen* to all students. *Gragers* were given to those who attended the reading of the Magillah. The scroll was read with the traditional cantillation by Mr. Krumbein. Rabbi Lewittes stated that the noise-making at the mention of Hamen was symbolic of our rejection of all who spread hatred and intolerance. The spirit of our holiday is best expressed in the words of the Bible, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Those in the chorus were David Amerling, Joseph Ben Ezra, Robert Boyer, Ziporah Brickner, Marion Brown, Lenore Cook, Phyllis Coopersmith, Miriam Epstein, Robert Friedman, Sonny Greenberg, Jerome Gold, Eleanor Gould, Johanna Hecht, Blanche Hemley, Elaine Huberman, Nathan Kantor, Dennis Lipnick, Michael London, Susan Metz, Lois Malkin, Joseph Moskowitz, Myra Nelson, Abigail Rabinowitz, Ellen Rein, Joan Rezak, Ruth Schiff, Rita Schneid, Susan Sedarbaum, Leah Schmerler, Susan Spevack, Arthur Teig, Abraham Vogel, Arthur Walder, Robert Westminster.

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At a recent Community Breakfast for the students of our high school classes Mr. Naftali Frankel spoke on the subject "Jewish Music." The speaker stressed the importance of synagogue music, Chassidic folk music and Israeli songs. He pointed out the influence of Biblical cantillation in the works of modern composers such as "The Jeremiah Symphony" by Leonard Bernstein. The speaker's remarks were illustrated by piano, record-

ings and songs in which the audience participated. Questions by our high school students showed a keen interest in Jewish music. The breakfast was preceded by services conducted by the students. Arrangements for the community breakfast were made by the Parent-Teachers Association under the presidency of Mrs. Sarah Epstein. Those in charge of arrangements were Mrs. Rose Davis and Mrs. Sarah Greenberg.

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Two highly successful Parent-Teachers Association meetings were held in February and in March. At the February meeting a panel consisting of a parent, a teacher and an educator discussed the problem of "How Can We Teach Our Children Positive Jewish Attitudes?" The speakers were Mrs. Iris Rothman, Miss Evelyn Zusman and Mr. Matthew Mosenkis. Cantor Sauler rendered several songs in honor of Tu B'Shvat and was accompanied at the piano by Mr. Sholom Secunda. Following the panel discussion parents met with the teachers and discussed the progress of their children. A Tu B'Shvat table was arranged by Mrs. Jeanne Bresnick.

The March meeting was dedicated to the celebration of Purim. The children of the Hebrew School presented an operetta "A Song for Queen Esther." Rabbi Max Schenk, of Congregation Shaari Zedek, delivered a Purim message. Rabbi Lewittes reported on the progress of the school. A table in honor of Purim was arranged with festive decor by Mrs. Jeanne Bresnick. Mrs. Sarah Epstein presided at the two meetings.

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A contest sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Brooklyn Jewish Center was held in the Hebrew School on the subject "What Torah Means to Me." The winning essay was written by Janet Epstein. The second prize was won by Robert Moss. Honorable mention was given to Augusta Scheiner, Morton Nachimson, Deana Silberstein and Phyllis Burstein. The winning essay was read at the Torah luncheon of the Sisterhood on March 4, 1953.

Mr. Leo Shpall, teacher of our graduation class, is convalescing from a recent

illness and will return to our school after Passover. During his absence the class was taught by Dr. Edward Horowitz, well-known author of text books and instructor of Hebrew in Thomas Jefferson High School.

### Junior Clubs

Our Junior Clubs which meet on Saturday evenings found February and March busy months. Besides regular gymnasium activities, the clubs had numerous interesting programs. The Senior Inta-League held a beautiful Havdallah Service at which Rev. Rogoff sang and Rabbi Kreitman spoke on the meaning and traditions connected with the ceremony. The Junior Inta-League and the Intra-League were also present.

All the groups marked Brotherhood with appropriate discussions. The Shomrim and the Vivalets held a joint Square Dance during the month of February. The Purim Carnival which was held on February 28th was a wonderful success. A great deal of imagination and fine art work went into the planning of costumes, decorations and stunts which made the affair a memorable one for all who participated. An abbreviated reading of the Megillah was held. Almost 500 parents and children had a rousing good time. The net proceeds from the affair was used to plant forty-four trees in the Joseph Goldberg Forest of the Jewish National Fund as a tribute to his memory. The Junior Inta-League band, organized by Stephen Hurwitz, provided music which contributed to the success of the Purim Carnival.

## RESERVE!

Monday, April 20

8:30 P.M.

EASTERN PARKWAY  
ZIONIST DISTRICT NO. 14

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE  
DAY CELEBRATION

at the

BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER

## IN THE CENTER ACADEMY

**L**INCOLN'S Birthday was celebrated at the Center Academy by visits of many parents and friends to the children's classrooms and to see the excellent original play by the Seventh Grade, under the guidance and sponsorship of their teacher, Miss Judith Feder. The title of the play was, "What Lincoln Believed," and the play demonstrated Lincoln's understanding of the balances required in a democracy between freedom and responsibility. Lincoln understood that you cannot have one without the other. As an outcome of this performance the students of Grade Seven wrote and published a paper called "The Freedom Daily." It was highly praised by the student body, the faculty and the parents.

The day was filled with happy and exciting events, including luncheon for the parents and guests, auctions of merchandise brought by the children of the various grades, and a drawing for an oil portrait by our Art Teacher, Mr. Louis Harris. All proceeds were allocated to the Center Academy Scholarship Fund.

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The picture, "Passion For Life," was shown to the parents and guests at the P.T.A. meeting on Wednesday evening, February 18th. Filmed in France, it is concerned with the problems of education and teaching. Because of its high quality it was shown to the upper grades the next morning.

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We had the great privilege of hearing Miss Gloria Hoffman address the children of the upper grades on February 20. Miss Hoffman is the charming young author of the book, "Home At Last," a story of two ten-year-old children, David and Dan, who were fortunate enough to reach Israel.

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A truly festive spirit was created throughout the Center Academy in the celebration of Purim. It began with the reading of the Magillah in the Beth Hamedrash on Thursday afternoon, February 26th, by Mr. Meyer Rogoff, Shamos of the Brooklyn Jewish Center. At the joyous festivities and merrymaking which continued on Friday morning in the Auditorium, a carnival-like spirit pervaded the celebration.

There were unusual and original costumes; masks; Purim songs sung by each grade group, in gratitude for the deliverance of the Jews, gifts were exchanged (*shalach manas*); an especially delicious luncheon, including Purim goodies; and an early dismissal at 12:30 P.M., directly after luncheon.

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The children of the Center Academy commemorated the Israelites' emancipation from Egyptian slavery and the Exodus from Egypt by celebrating the

### Siyum Services

Services for the first born son will be held on Monday morning, March 30th, at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

### Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes are extended to:

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levin of 748 St. Marks Avenue on the birth of a daughter, Gail Ann, to their children, Lt. and Mrs. Walter Siegelman, on March 2nd.

### Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of donations for the purchase of Prayer Books and Taleisim from the following:

Mrs. Isidore Garlin in memory of her late husband.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris Goldenberg in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Gurfield in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Mr. Aaron Rosen in memory of the late Mr. Benjamin J. Kline.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rosenberg in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Roth in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Sonnenberg upon their son's Bar Mitzvah.

### Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to:

Mr. Rubin Belfer of 436 Eastern Parkway on the loss of his beloved sister, Mrs. Bessie Zolotar, on March 8th.

Mrs. Albert Braun of 149 Exeter Street, Manhattan Beach, on the passing of her beloved father, Mr. Lazarus Tarushkin, on March 18th.

festival of Passover at a Seder service, March 25. The Seder service has been compared symbolically to a sacred symphony in four movements distinguished by the four cups of wine which each participant is to drink on Seder night. These four cups are intended to emphasize the four freedoms which are really the four fundamental principles of Democracy established by our ancestors thousands of years ago at the time of the Exodus.

We are sure that all the parents, grandparents and relatives who joined their children in celebrating this beautiful and symbolic religious Seder service were inspired by it.

## PASSOVER

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other human beings, the Egyptians, were forced to suffer, even though the Egyptians had been so cruel.

*Dayenu.* This joyous song of thanksgiving states that even one miracle would have "enough," but God performed many miracles for the Israelites.

*Shank-bone.* This is a reminder of the paschal lamb.

*Roasted Egg.* Represents the additional festive offering.

*Hard-boiled Eggs.* The eggs, eaten at the beginning of the meal, are a symbol of new life.

*Afikoman.* This refers to the *matzah* which is eaten as the final dessert. A favorite game is for the father to hide the *afikoman*. If found by the child it is redeemed by a present, since the Seder cannot proceed without the *afikoman*.

*The Cup of Elijah.* A cup of wine is set aside for Elijah, the symbol of future redemption. The door is opened to welcome Elijah as well as all other guests, rich or poor, who may wish to participate in the Seder.

*Hallel.* Psalms of thanksgiving.

*Chad Gadya.* This nursery rhyme is the final song in the Haggadah. It tells us of the kid which was bitten by the cat, which was bitten by the dog, etc. It concludes with the destruction of Death by God.

*Shir Ha-Shirim.* After the Seder it is customary to read the Song of Songs, a love-poem reminiscent of Spring, and symbolic of God's love for Israel.

—MORDECAI H. LEWITTES.



# PAGING SISTERHOOD!

SARAH KLINGHOFFER, Editor

*Passover, the holiday of freedom and redemption, has had a special meaning for each generation of Jews since the Exodus from Egypt. Not since the Exodus has the message of Passover been clearer or more pertinent than it is for the Jews of America today. It is a simple message and an inspiring one. We, who had the privilege of participating in the redemption of the oppressed Jews of our generation through the rebirth of Israel, are now given the opportunity and responsibility to help insure that nation's growth to maturity.*

*As we berald the Fifth Anniversary of the State of Israel, occurring on April 20th, let us join in a concerted effort to build a stable economy in the new state—a burden too staggering to be borne by Israel alone. And as we celebrate the traditional family Seder this year, let us add another prayer—that the Promised Land shall indeed become a Land of Promise—of peace and prosperity for all. HAPPY PESACH!*

BEATRICE SCHAEFFER, President.

THE man who honored the place is gone. He was bound up inextricably with the soul of all of us, and we loved him dearly. His devotion, deep and profound, his vision and understanding, his sacred sense of duty, service and sacrifice were the very essence of Joseph Goldberg's gentle being. Because of his humble spirit, he attained honor. Because of his indefatigable selflessness, "he stored up for himself a treasure of righteousness and love, more precious than anything he possessed." We grieve inconsolably at his departure from this world, and, although we mourn our great and irreparable loss, we shall be comforted by the memory of his "love of Torah and his fine deeds." His good name will live on "unto all generations." Sisterhood, as well as our Center and the entire community, has lost a faithful leader, and we, the Editor of this page, have lost, in the demise of our beloved Administrative Director, a very dear, very

close personal friend. We shall truly miss you, Joe.

## General Meeting, February 18th

Due to the untimely passing of our Administrative Director, Joseph Goldberg, Sisterhood cancelled its Jewish Music Festival originally planned for February 18, meeting solely for the purpose of carrying on our dedication to Torah and plans for service to the community. Responsive reading of "Brotherhood" ideals by the audience, and a special reference by our President, Bea Schaeffer, to a relevant passage in Dr. Levinthal's comments in the January Review, preceded an impassioned appeal by Torah Chairman "Dubby" Jackman for members to attend our Torah Luncheon on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Shirley Gluckstein gave a brief report on current Social Action problems, followed by announcements including UJA and Jewish Blind Day dates, Leadership Courses and varied correspondence.

In celebration of the fortieth anniversary this month of the United Synagogue, our guest speaker, Rabbi Herbert Parzen, Director of Programs for the organization, delivered a brilliant address on its founding, its travails, its successes and its accomplishments in the advancement of the cause of Judaism in America, and, through the channels of the Jewish Theological Seminary, to maintain Jewish tradition in its historical continuity. He reviewed the remarkable careers of its founder, Dr. Solomon Schechter, and his successors to the Presidency of the Seminary, Dr. Cyrus Adler and Dr. Louis Finkelstein. "Conservative Judaism," said Rabbi Parzen, "is gloriously, beautifully Jewish." The spiritual level of the evening was in keeping with the ideals held dear by our late Joseph Goldberg, whose memory was recalled in silent tribute by the members present.

## Joseph Goldberg Memorial Forest In Israel

Our Center has been designated as the central agency to sell tree certificates issued in memory of our late Administrative Director. By a large concerted effort, men and women of the Center and

the Community can show their affection for the departed, and the names of Sisterhood women making such purchases will appear on this page.

## Cheer Fund Contributions

In memory of the late Michael Bromberg—Mrs. Sarah Epstein.

In memory of the late Joseph Goldberg—Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, Mrs. Beatrice Schaeffer.

In memory of their mother, Mrs. Mero-witz — Mrs. Elizabeth Levingson, Mrs. Ethel Pashenz.

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents—Mrs. Sarah Kushner; also for the same "Simcha," from Rose Davis, S. Klinghoffer, Bea Schaeffer.

## United Jewish Appeal

Chairman Sadie Kurtzman urges Sisterhood women to contact their contributors to the UJA 1953 drive NOW. An act of mercy is effected when the need is great. Send in your checks at once, and urge your friends to do so. Contributors of \$75 or over will be invited to attend a brunch on April 15th. Make your reservations.

## Torah Triumphs — Thanks To "Dubby" Jackman

Although the event is past history, the memory, the taste, lingers on. We take this opportunity to pile plaudits and peons of praise, *plus orchids*, to our charming chairman of Torah Luncheon, "Dubby" Jackson, whose direction not only helped to swell the Seminary coffers, but provided a most successful social afternoon. Her two capable co-chairmen, Mesdames Jeanette Kasnetz and Sadie Kaufmann, and Hostess Chairmen Jennie Levine and "Hershey" Kaplan and their indefatigable Committee, deserve equal commendation for arranging an attractive and delectable repast, an excellent program, including an eloquent appeal for Torah support by Dr. Max Arzt, Seminary Provost, and a delightful performance of "Shushan Showboat" by the Rockville Center Players. The winner of our 2nd annual essay contest on "What Torah Means to Me" was Janet Epstein, President of our Hebrew School G. O., and daughter of our Vice-President, Mrs. Sarah Epstein. She was presented with a subscription to the Jewish Publication Society. A fine cause, a beautiful program, generous support, an

excellent Chairman—net result—*success!* For which, "Dubby," *thank you!*

#### Red Cross 1953 Drive

Mollie Meyer, Red Cross Chairman, wishes to remind members that the 1953 Red Cross has begun and that your checks should be sent through the Center so we can show unified support of a National cause.

#### Israeli Bonds

DON'T let up—purchase bonds from Anne Weisberg, and help Israel to help itself. Israeli Bonds are an investment that helps both sides, the purchaser and the beneficiary. Earn a Mitzvah and *Buy Bonds Now!*

#### Jewish Music Festival

Sisterhood was privileged to participate in the second annual Jewish Music Festival presented by the Center on February 26th. The beautiful and inspiring program featuring the Center Choral Ensemble, Cantor William Sauler, several soprano soloists and the noted concert violinist, Beverly Somach, arranged and conducted by our Music Director Sholom Secunda, was greatly enhanced by a very stirring narration delivered by Mesdames Sarah Epstein and Sarah Klinghoffer. The narration was written by Mr. Secunda in collaboration with Mrs. Klinghoffer. The chairman of this auspicious event was our own very capable President, Mrs. Beatrice Schaeffer.

#### U. N. Guided Tour

Sisterhood women may make reservations with Mrs. Bess Gribetz for admission to an arranged tour on Monday, April 20th, Israel Independence Day, to the United Nations. We shall be privileged to attend the morning and afternoon sessions of the Assembly committees.

#### Nominating Committee

Chairman Claire Mitrani and her committee welcome recommendations for membership on our Executive Board for the coming year.

#### Thank You Notes

"I am privileged to inform you that your Sisterhood has been awarded honorable mention for its notable contribution to Torah Fund." Dr. L. Finkelstein, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary. "We gratefully acknowledge your generous contribution for Braille printing apparatus for the Blind in Israel." American Foundation for Overseas Blind.

#### "The Fifth Season" Benefit

Sisterhood is co-operating with the Center Academy in the sale of tickets for a benefit performance on Wednesday evening, May 13th, of the Broadway hit comedy, "The Fifth Season," starring Menasha Skulnik and Richard Whorf. Those desiring tickets, please call Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, SLocum 6-8252.

#### Kiddush

A kiddush will be given to the Junior Congregation on Saturday, March 28th, by Mrs. Elias N. Rabinowitz in honor of her husband, Dr. Elias N. Rabinowitz's, 70th birthday.

#### Calendar of Events

Monday, April 13—Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting. 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15—UJA Brunch for \$75 donors and over. 11 a.m.

Wednesday, April 15 — Jewish Home Beautiful Pageant. Gala Performance. Mary Kahn, Chairman. 8:15 p.m.

Monday, April 20 — United Nations Guided Tour. See Bess Gribetz for reservations.

Monday, May 4 — Metropolitan Branch Women's League Spring Luncheon.

Tuesday, May 5 — Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting. 1 p.m.

Monday, May 11 — Elaborate Mother's Day Program. Election of officers. Mother-Daughter Tributes. 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 14—Jewish Day for Blind at Hotel St. George. "Dubby" Jackman and Hannah Stark, co-chairmen.

Thursday, May 14 — Brooklyn Division Women's League Closing Luncheon at B'nai Israel.

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## NEW BOOKS (Continued from page 15)

means of which he expresses his thoughts and dreams. We see here, indeed, the truth of what the poet so beautifully expresses:

"Ah! The poet's world is like no other.  
'Tis like a garden he alone has worked.  
'Tis a world between himself and God alone."

There are a number of poems in which the author reveals his Jewish soul, expressing the yearning and the prayer of the Jew throughout the ages. His ode to Haifa, the harbor city of Israel, tells in brief lines the drama of reborn Israel; and in the poem "I write as Jew," he interprets the essence of the true life philosophy of the Jew.

Throughout all his poems there is a passion for justice and love for all mankind that is best summed up in these lines:

"Let me nor you—let no man rest  
Until we kill  
Dictator greed  
Indeed,  
To none  
Will come salvation  
Until we shall have won  
World-wide Commiseration."

Lovers of poetry will derive much pleasure from reading these poems, and Mr. Teller is to be congratulated for having put them in permanent form in this little volume.

"Prince of Israel," by Elias Gilner, Exposition Press, N. Y.

This is a fine historical novel which brings back to life the heroic struggle for freedom waged by the small band of Jews, under the leadership of Bar Kochba, against the mighty Roman legions almost 1800 years ago. The author succeeds in presenting a vivid picture of life among the Jews, their neighboring peoples and the Romans. What makes this story even more interesting is the striking parallel it reveals to the struggle waged by the *chalutzim* of Palestine, first against the British, then against the Arab armies, in order to achieve the independence of the State of Israel.

Mr. Gilner is a colorful figure himself. He was a member of the first Jewish Legion in Palestine and one of the original founders of Haganah. He knows Palestine well, and is especially fitted to recapture the struggle of Bar Kochba against Rome.

The book depicts not only the story of war and battles, of victories and defeats, but also revolves around a beautiful and dramatic romance. Bar Kochba, who is quick to love as he is to do battle, meets the attractive and high-spirited Meredya, whom he woos and wins for his wife. The Roman soldiers, however,

want her for the pleasure of their commander and abduct her immediately after the marriage. Bar Kochba, with the help of a small band of friends, succeeds in rescuing his bride. This leads to a brutal revenge on the part of the Romans. The war is then on in full force. How the Jews rallied under the banner of their leader, how the great Rabbi Akiba encouraged these warriors, how seeming victory appeared, only to be followed by a crushing defeat—all this eloquently told.

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"A Reconstruction of Solomon's Temple," by Paul Leslie Garber.

I usually do not include magazine articles in this department, but I am making an exception in this case. This article, "The Reconstruction of Solomon's Temple," appears in a recent issue of "Archaeology," a popular magazine dealing with the general theme of archaeology. The author endeavors to reconstruct, from the Biblical accounts as well as from archaeological discoveries, the original sacred Temple built by King Solomon. It is beautifully illustrated with diagrams and archaeological finds. All Biblical students interested in ancient Jewish history will find this article a fascinating one. Those desiring a copy of the magazine can secure it by mailing 25¢ to the business office of "Archaeology," Andover Hall, Cambridge 38, Mass., and asking for the autumn 1952 issue.



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